

**Village of Irvington
Board of Trustees' Priorities for 2016-17**

To All Our Fellow Residents,

At the beginning of each fiscal year, your Board of Trustees establishes its working priorities for the next twelve months. While the focus of our activities is subject to modification if major new developments emerge, we want to provide as clear a picture of our goals as we can at the outset of each year.

For the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2016 the Board has outlined six broad areas of work:

- Comprehensive Planning Review
- Sound Fiscal/Budget Planning and Service Efficiency
- Quality-of-Life Enhancement
- Support for Affordable Housing
- Improvement of the Downtown Environment & Economy
- Support of Sustainable Policies & Practices

Each of these areas are encompassed in the outline below. We sincerely encourage your thoughts on our priorities and how best to implement them, and invite you to attend Board meetings and work sessions. The schedule and agendas are posted on the Village website, and all meetings are recorded and available for view. We also invite your participation as a volunteer on one of the Village's various committees, or in some other capacity appropriate for you.

The BOT's Priorities and Specific Activities

Areas of Primary Focus

1. **Update the 2003 Comprehensive Plan** to help guide our future growth; identify, study and prioritize those areas in need of update.
2. **Pursue a community microgrid** to address energy resiliency, the use of renewable resources, and to promote the economic vitality and historic character of our downtown. A microgrid is a network of underground electric distribution lines that connect together critical facilities while locally generating enough power to satisfy a majority of the grid's demand.
3. Complete necessary repair and restoration work on the Irvington Town Hall.
4. Complete the current Main Street Streetscape projects (Aqueduct Crossing, Town Hall Theater Plaza, installation of Main Street benches).
5. Complete a comprehensive restructuring of all parking regulations in the downtown area and provide improved signage.
6. Establish guidelines for solar panel installations.
7. Complete collective bargaining agreements with the Police and CSEA unions.
8. Continue to support local property owners throughout the revaluation process.
9. Publicize the new regulations concerning In-Law Suites and Accessory Apartments.

Ongoing Initiatives

1. Complete the review of the Irvington Historic District Guide & Recommendations developed by our Historic District Committee and our consultant. Pursue appropriate, specific legislation and preservation measures. Implement a public education effort on tax and business advantages available in the District and seek grant opportunities for its development.
2. Review the Historic District Committee's draft of a Local Landmarks law.

3. Continue efforts, such as Slow Down Irvington and Walk Safe Irvington, focused on improving traffic and pedestrian safety through education, physical changes to roads, sidewalks and paths and the enforcement of these initiatives.
4. Revise the sign code to reflect practical corrections and clarifications.
5. Address spatial constraints at the Irvington Fire House and the DPW facility.
6. Continue land use and infrastructure projects:
 - Revise the zoning map to allow for the construction of a parking lot adjacent to the Stanford White building (50 South Buckhout Street).
 - Complete the installation of enhanced crosswalks at Broadway/Heritage Hill and Broadway/Main Street intersections.
 - Work with Mercy College and Metro-North to complete the installation of a sidewalk on Hudson Road West.
 - Replace and expand the Barney Brook culvert where it crosses beneath Station Road.
 - Complete the replacement of curbs and drainage in Hudson View Park.
 - Complete the acquisition of open space at the end of Hermit's Road.
 - Research and enact rock chipping regulations.
7. Implement improved security in Village buildings and facilities.
8. Upgrade all Village computers and e-mail system for greater security and archiving.
9. Implement a redesign and upgrade of the Village's web site.
10. Review and enhance Village emergency preparedness.
11. Expand the use of the renovated Tiffany Reading Room and the Irvington-Hudson River Tiffany Trail on-line resource.

Long-term Goals

1. Implement changes to operations, technology and policies that will upgrade the efficiency and reduce costs of Village departments.
2. Update the process for building/renovation permits and site approvals.
3. Review, update, prioritize and track status of Village's Environmental Action Plan on a continuing basis.
4. Support inter-municipal and regional sustainability and climate-change planning efforts.
5. Undertake a phased, fiscally prudent implementation of recommendations contained within the Main Street Streetscape Design report beyond the current projects.
6. Continue to expand zoning and other regulations and approaches that will help moderate-income individuals and families to be able to afford housing in Irvington.
7. Perform long term Departmental planning, including periodic reporting to the Board of Trustees.
8. Support the activities of the Chamber of Commerce and other business and non-profit groups working to improve business in the Village.
9. Create a long-term improvement plan for Matthiessen Park.
10. Maintain and upgrade Village infrastructure including roads, sidewalks, storm drainage, and the water and sewer system.
11. Encourage increased volunteerism on committees, boards and working groups.
12. Pursue connection to the County's RiverWalk and explore enhanced public access to the waterfront.
13. Support the development of plans for an improved Irvington Town Hall Theater entranceway and provide a budget for air-conditioning to expand the use of ITHT during the summer.
14. Work closely with local and regional tourism and development organizations, such as Historic Hudson River Towns and our neighboring villages, to develop programs and initiatives that will bring more visitors to Historic Irvington. Encourage on-line, Smart Phone apps and other technology efforts.
15. Review Village operations to ensure conformance with sustainability goals.

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